

IN THE COUNTY

'Hot' warehouse to turn Orange before demolition

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LANDSDOWNE — The radioactive warehouse on Union Avenue will be painted bright orange before it is demolished in a federal cleanup, Councilman George Bochanski told council this week.

The warehouse was once used by the late physics professor, Dicran Kabakjian, who manufactured radium-tipped needles.

A \$12 million Superfund cleanup of other Kabakjian properties was completed in 1989, but in June additional radioactivity was found at the warehouse and a another house the professor used at 133 Austin Ave.

"The paint, which will be applied to the building interior, will make it easier to identify the materials for the cleanup and will also hold down dust," Bochanski said. "There is some concern about the structural integrity of the warehouse building."

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Councilman Robert Alpigini said the public should not be alarmed by the special scanner van of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency which is now circling a one-mile radius around the Austin Avenue property where hot spots of radioactivity have been found in the home and soil.

"If I didn't know what it was, I'd be alarmed when it comes beeping by. It might even be pretty scary," Alpigini said.

"It is not the quietest thing in the world. But we want to be sure everything has been checked, so that when the project is finished, it won't be back again in three or four years," Bochanski said.

Tenants in the Austin Avenue property were removed by the EPA when the dangers became known in the spring. The councilman said he was pleased to announce one of the tenants who was pregnant at that time has had her child and that mother and baby are doing well.

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CONCORD — High School principal, Dr. Richard Castafaro, has been named assistant to the superintendent in the Garnet Valley School District.

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In his new post, Castafaro, who has been principal since September 1980, will be responsible for curriculum and instruction, as well as long range strategic planning.

Castafaro, formerly assistant

superintendent in the Springfield School District and a social studies teacher prior to that, admitted that he has mixed emotions about leaving the high school to take the new position.

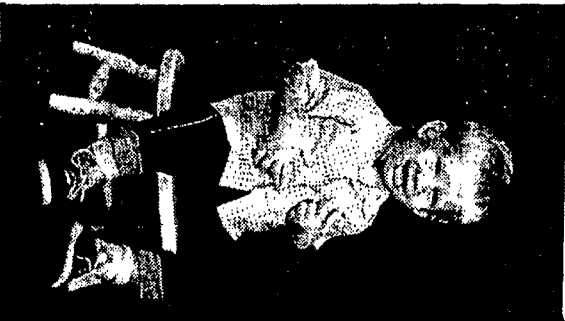
"I know I'm going to miss the kids and the teachers a great deal ... and the day-to-day decision-making that goes on in the high school office," he said.

The position, Castafaro said, presents new opportunities and challenges, and

elementary and secondary education.

The second part of Castafaro's new job, Costello said, will be to oversee long range planning for an anticipated influx of students, once Concord's sewer plant is constructed. Costello said Castafaro, one of 40 applicants for the job, was chosen in part because his 11 years here have earned him contacts with the three municipalities in the Garnet Valley School District.

LITTLE PEOPLE



MATTHEW TOMPKINS

Matt loves his squirrels

At 19 months, Matthew Richard Tompkins is so active he keeps everyone busy. He and his Huggie Bear especially love squirrel watching with Na-Na and Pop-A-Dee. His proud parents are Kevin and Liz Tompkins of Norwood.

The board also named Mary DeBello acting principal of Concord Elementary School from Jan. 1 to Feb. 30, 1992. Principal John ... who is official

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